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BREAKING NEWS

(U) Nevada – More Than 50 dead, 400 Injured After Deadliest Shooting in Modern US History

(U) Las Vegas – A lone gunman opened fire on bystanders from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel last night, killing 50 people and injuring more than 400 others. The shooting took place across the street from a music festival, which sent concert-goers fleeing in every direction. A perimeter fence at the McCarran International Airport, near the concert venue, was breached by fleeing bystanders, and flights in and out of the airport were subsequently halted. The FBI has responded to the scene and is assisting local law enforcement. The 64 year-old suspect, with no known ties to terrorism at this time, was reportedly killed by a self-inflecting gunshot when police breached his hotel room.

SOURCE: 2 October 2017, [ABC News](#), [NBC News](#)

(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Temecula – Border Patrol Discovers \$1 Million in Cocaine

(U) Border Patrol agents arrested two men for smuggling nearly \$1 million worth of cocaine at a checkpoint in Temecula on 28 September. Agents conducted a vehicle stop and search, during which 32 bundles of cocaine were discovered stashed in the front wheel wells and bumper. The drugs weighed 75.96 pounds with an estimated street value of \$987,454. Since 1 October 2016, Border Patrol agents in the San Diego Sector have seized 2,960 pounds of cocaine, according to official reporting.

SOURCE: 30 September 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Alameda – US Coast Guard Offloads \$350 Million Worth of Cocaine and Heroin

(U) The US Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter Stratton troop recently returned from patrolling international waters off the coasts of Central and South America, in which they intercepted 11 drug smuggling vessels and seized more than 18,500 pounds of cocaine and heroin. Coupled with other seizures, this offload brings the current fiscal year total of cocaine seized to 455,034 pounds—an estimated value of \$6.1 billion.

SOURCE: 30 September 2017, [KTVU News](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – International Operation Targets Gang Members in US and Central America

(U) Washington – A recently concluded 6-month long anti-gang operation stretching across the United States and Central America has led to charges against 3,800 members of the violent MS-13 and Barrio 18 gangs, including more than 70 members in the United States. Suspects were charged in various US states—including California—along with hundreds more in Central America. Lawyers, police, and businesses who were accused of working with them were also targeted.

SOURCE: 29 September 2017, [Miami Herald](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Former US Postal Worker Pleads Guilty to Federal Drug Trafficking Charges

(U) Harrisburg – A former northern California postal worker will serve up to 72 months in prison after

pleading guilty to her role in manufacturing and distributing 100 kilograms of marijuana and conspiring to launder the proceeds, according to authorities. A group consisting of Long and three other individuals—including Long's two adult sons—grew marijuana on the suspect's 20-acre property in Oroville, CA, and shipped it through the USPS to several locations, including post office boxes in York and Lancaster. Long admitted to being part of a conspiracy to traffic hundreds of pounds of marijuana between northern California and York County.

SOURCE: 29 September 2017, [Fox News](#)

(U) Texas – Cyberattack Targets Personal Information of Students and Parents

(U) Splendora – The Splendora Independent School District (ISD) announced on 29 September that a cyberattack compromised information of families in the district, and could potentially give rise to threatening messages made directly to parents, students, and staff. Splendora ISD stated it continued to receive threats, saying a prominent hacking group intends to send violent and graphic messages through text and email. The FBI is investigating and believes there is no credible threat of violence.

SOURCE: 29 September 2017, [ABC News](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Canada – Somali Refugee Faces Terror Charges in Canada Stabbing, Car Attacks

(U) Edmonton – A 30-year-old Somali refugee, who had been on a watch list over extremist views, faced five counts of attempted murder and terror charges yesterday after Canadian police said he stabbed a police officer and ran down four pedestrians in Edmonton, Alberta. The suspect began the attacks by using his car to hit a police officer in Edmonton, got out of the car and stabbed the officer multiple times, and then fled. Later, the suspect—driving a box truck—was stopped at a police checkpoint, but fled and intentionally ran over four pedestrians during a police pursuit of the truck.

SOURCE: 2 October 2017, [CNN](#)

(U) France – ISIS Claims Responsibility for Slayings in France

(U) Marseille – A man armed with a knife fatally stabbed two women at the main train station in Marseille yesterday afternoon before soldiers on patrol shot him dead. The assailant is believed to have shouted “Allahu Akbar” (“God is greatest”) at the start of the attack, according to reporting. The attacker, who was not carrying identification, was reported to be in his 30s and was known to police for criminal offenses. ISIS news agency Amaq claimed responsibility last night for the attack, and if the attack is found to be a terrorist incident, it would be the first fatal jihadist knife attack at a public transport site in France, according to reporting.

SOURCE: 1 October 2017, [The Guardian](#)

(U) Malaysia – Senior Militant Believed Killed

(U) Petaling Jaya – Muhammad Joraimee Awang Raimee, aka Abu Nur—a key planner of the 23 May attack on Marawi City in the Philippines along with Abu Sayyaf leader Isnilon Hapilon—was believed to be among 15 people killed on 28 September in aerial bombing as Filipino security forces regained control of Bato Mosque, which was used as the ISIS command center in Marawi City. Joraimee is the third Malaysian known to have been killed in the Marawi city siege entering its fourth month.

SOURCE: 1 October 2017, [The Star Online](#)

(U) Russia – Russia Says ISIS Cell Members Detained, Terror Plots Foiled

(U) Moscow – Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB) stated today that its operatives detained members of an ISIS sleeper cell who were from Russia's majority-Muslim North Caucasus and who reported to ISIS members abroad. The men were accused of plotting attacks targeting critical infrastructure and public

events in Russia. Two improvised explosive devices, grenades, and guns were found at their homes, according to the FSB.

SOURCE: 2 October 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas – CBP Officers Find Heroin Hidden in Fire Extinguisher, Wooden Slats

(U) Del Rio – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers at the Del Rio port of entry on 26 September seized more than 20 pounds of heroin with an estimated value of \$828,929, according to a CBP news release. A vehicle inspection of an SUV uncovered 4.5 pounds of heroin inside a fire extinguisher, and 238 packages—totaling more than 16 pounds—were found hidden in 10 wooden slats in the cargo area of the vehicle. The driver was arrested, and his three children were released to their mother.

SOURCE: 29 September 2017, [KSAT News](#)

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